

Father's Day

THE CANON

What is a Dad?

A Dad is someone who
Wants to catch you before you fall
But instead picks you up,
Brushes you off,
And lets you try again.

A Dad is someone who
Wants to keep you from making mis-
takes
But instead lets you find our own way,
Even though his heart breaks in silence
When you get hurt.

A Dad is someone who
Holds you when you cry,
Scolds you when you break the rules,
Shines with pride when you succeed,
And has faith in you when you fall.



A Father Just Like You

"I just want you to know
You mean the world to me,
Only a heart as dear as yours
Would give so unselfishly.
The many things you've done,
All the times that you were there
Helps me know deep inside
How much you really care.
Even though I might not say,
I appreciate all you do
Richly blessed in how we feel
To have a father jus like you.

Father Is a Source of Strength

A Father is a source of strength,
A teacher and a guide,
The one his family looks up to
With loving trust and pride...
A Father is a helper
With a willing hand to lend ,
A partner, an adviser,
And the finest kind of friend.

Father's Message

Brethren,

In one body we have many members. But all the members have not the same function. Likewise, though many in number, we form one body in Christ, and we depend mutually on one another. Therefore, rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep; and live in harmony with one another also.

Do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly. Do not be conceited. Return no evil for evil. Bear in mind to be noble in the sight of all men. Be at peace with everybody, so far as you can and so far as it depends on you.

Dear friends, never revenge yourselves, but leave it to the divine retribution, for it is written in the Scripture: "Vengeance is mine. And I will repay it, says the Lord."

On the contrary, if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him drink; for by acting thus, you will heap coals of fire on his head. Do be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

St. Paul: Romans 12:4; 15-21

June 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 AHEPA 6:30 PM	3	4	5	6
7 Orthros 9:15 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	8	9 Philoptochos Dinner Bistro 83 6:00 pm	10	11	12	13
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G.O.Y.A.
FATHER'S DAY LUNCH
SUNDAY JUNE 21, 2015
\$5.00

HOT DOG, CHIPS OR POTATO SALAD, AND BEVERAGE MEAL \$5.00
1 HOT DOG \$1.50

ALL PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY TO "WIGS FOR KIDS" IN OUR EFFORT TO MEET OUR \$1800.00 GOAL TO PROVIDE A WIG FOR A CHILD FIGHTING HEALTH PROBLEMS



Philoptochos Spring Dinner

Tuesday, June 9th

6:00 PM

Bistro 83

36033 Westminster Avenue—North Ridgeville

(Corner of Avon Beldon Road/ Rt 83 & Mills Rd)

Call Church office for reservations 960-2992 by June 5th

Limited seating

The **GOYA** has formed **Team Agape** to support a non-profit organization called **Wigs for Kids**. They will be running and walking at the **10th Annual Wigs for Kids Day at the Zoo on July 25th**. This fundraiser helps to raise funds to allow Wigs for Kids to provide wigs free to children who have lost their hair to cancer, alopecia, burns and other medical conditions. Please support the **GOYA** by joining their team to run, walk or enjoy the day at the zoo. Donations are welcome to help them reach their fundraising goal of \$1,800.00. For more information PLEASE contact Sevasti Tsarnas at 440.521.6225

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT....

Saints — Veneration

Orthodox Christians do not worship the Theotokos and the Saints; rather they venerate them. God alone is worshipped. Anyone who claims that the Orthodox worship Saints is guilty of bearing false witness against his neighbor since we clearly do not believe this. The Saints are revered as reflections of the Christ image. It is God Who is glorified through His Saints. They are praised for what God has done in and through them.

Reverence for Saints is enhanced through the use and veneration of icons which are ever-present in Orthodox homes. The icon becomes a meeting place, an existential encounter, a window through which we look on the Saints not as shadowy figures from a remote past but as contemporary brothers and sisters in Christ, members of the same household of God. We feel free to call on them through prayer for family support as they intercede to God in our behalf. For example, St. Basil the Great writes: "I accept the saintly Apostles, prophets, and martyrs, in my prayer to God I call upon them and through their prayer I receive mercy from our God who loves all humanity".

There is in man an innate sense of reverence for moral greatness. In Orthodox Christianity this reverence finds expression in the veneration of the Saints, the moral giants of our faith. The Orthodox believer's daily association with the Saints; whose lives glorified Christ, serves to form the Orthodox lifestyle.

The veneration of Saints serves also as a safeguard of the true faith and as a test of Orthodoxy. Any teaching that is not in harmony with the lives and faith of the Saints is rejected as false. All that is in harmony is welcomed for the enrichment it brings.

"Having remembered all the Saints"

We do not pray alone during the liturgy. We pray together with all the Saints. This is expressed when the priest says, "Having remembered all the Saints, again and again in peace let us pray to the Lord." The saints here refer to both the living and departed members of the Church.

More than once during the liturgy the priest calls on us to pray with the similar exhortation; "Calling to remembrance our most holy, pure, blessed and glorified Lady, Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary together with all the Saints, let us commit ourselves and each other to Christ our God." Here we see clearly that the purpose of bringing to mind the Theotokos and all the Saints is to lead us to a deeper commitment "to Christ our God." The focus is not on the Saints but on Christ. After we have remembered the Saints, we move on "to commit ourselves and each other to Christ our God." Having fixed our gaze on others in the family of God who have rendered perfect service to His excellent glory, we are properly inspired to offer ourselves in total surrender and commitment to Christ, our Lord.

Ιδού η δούλη Κυρίου

Όταν ο εκ Θεού αποσταλείς Άγγελος πρωτοστάτης έφθασε στην Ναζαρέτ για να ευαγγελισθεί στην Παναγία την πλέον χαρμόσυνη είδηση, Τήν χαιρέτησε με τούτα τά λόγια: Χαίρε, Κεχαριτωμένη, ο Κύριος με τά Σου, ευλογημένη Σύ εν γυναιξίν.

Τά λόγια αυτά του Αρχαγγέλου Γαβριήλ προξένησαν κάποια απορία στην Παναγία η οποία άρχισε να σκέτεται ποιά νά ήταν η σημασία του αρχαγγελικού χαιρετίσμου. Γι'αυτό ο Αρχάγγελος τής εξηγεί ότι εκρίθη άξια από τον Θεόν νά λάβει την μοναδική Χάρι νά γεννήσει τον Κύριον Ιησούν Χριστόν.

Η Υπεραγία Θεοτόκος έπιστευσε αμέσως στους λόγους του Αρχαγγέλλου και ζήτησε από αυτόν νά πληροφορηθεί τον τρόπον διά του οποίου επρόκειτο νά πραγματοποιηθεί τό πρωτάκουστο αυτό Γεγονός τής ενανθρωπήσεως του Χριστού. Και ο Αρχάγγελος Γαβριήλ αποκρίθηκε στην Παναγία : Πνευμα Άγιον επελεύσεται επί σέ και δύναιμι Υψίστου επισκιάσει σοι, διό και τό γεννώμενον άγιον κληθήσεται Υιός Θεού. Και συνεχόζει ο Αρχάγγελος: Και η συγγενής σου η Ελισάβετ, συνελλαβε και αυτή υιόν στό γρήράς τής και τώρα, αυτή η οποία εθεωρείτο στείρα, είναι στόν έκτο μήνα τής. Επειδή κανένα πράγμα δέν είναι αδύνατο στόν Θεό.

Αδελφή μου, τό μυτήριο τής ενανθρωπήσεως του Χριστού και τή

σωτηρίας του ανθρώπου , είναι έργο τής Παναγίας Τριάδος. Αυτό φαίνεται από τον λόγον του Αραγγέλου προς την Παρθένο: Πνεύμα Άγιον επελεύσεται επί σέ και δύναμις Υψίστους επισκιάσει σοι. Ο Θεός Πατήρ ονομάζεται 'Υψιστος'ς , ο Υιός καλείται Δύναιμις του Υψίστου και τό Άγιον Πνευμα , ο Παράκλητος , επισκιάζει την Παρθ'νον και τελεσιουργεία τό μυστήριο τής σπηρία μας.

Ομως για νά τεέσθει η σωτηρία του ανθρώπου χρειαζόταν και η ελευθέρα συγκατάθεση τής Παναγίας μας. Και αυτό γίνεται όταν λέγει στόν Αρχάγγελο: Ιδού η δούλη Κυρίου, γένοιτό μοι κατ'α τό ρήμα σου.

Όπως λέγει ένας Πατήρ τής Εκκλησίας, «είπε τά λόγια αυτά η Παναγία και αμέσως όλα πραγματοποιήθηκαν. Και ο Λόγος σάρξ εγ'νητο και εσκήνωσεν εν ημίν. Μόλις η Παρθένος έδωσε την απάντηση Της στόν Θεό, δέωεται αμέσως τό Πανάγιο Πνεύμα, που δημιουργεί την ομόθεη σάρκα του Ιησού Χριστού ... Όπως μόλις είπε ο Θεός Γενηθήτω φώς, έγενε αμέσως Φώς... Αυτά τά λόγια τής Παρθένου , μετέτρεψαν την γή σε ουρανό και άδειασαν τον Άδη, ελευθερώνοντας τους φυλακισμένους. Έκαμαν τον ουρανό νά κατοικηθεί από τους ανθρώπους και συνένωσαν τους αγγέλους με τους ανθρώπους σε ένα χορό γύρο από τον Θεάνθρωπο Ιησού.»

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Graduates 2015

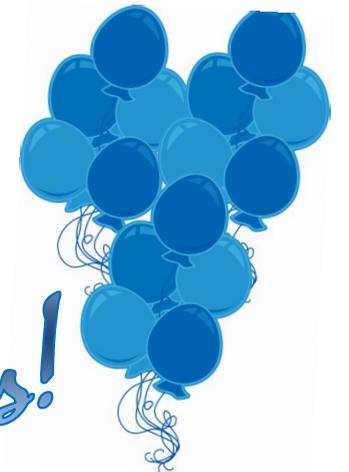
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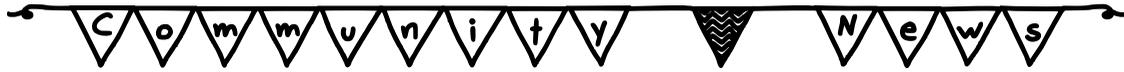
School: Avon High School Class of 2015
Honors/Awards: International Thespian with a 5-Star Honor ranking. Member of Avon's National Honors Society. Vice President of Avon Drama Club/Thespian Troupe #3229. Received Academic Achievement Award for having a cumulative GPA for at least 7 consecutive semesters throughout high school.
Future plans: Kent State University Class of 2019 with a major in psychology and concentration in pre-medicine with a minor in photo-illustration. Plans to continue to medical school to become a psychiatrist

Giorgia Nicolaou

graduated from Firelands High School Class of 2015 on May 29th. She's a member of the National Honor Society, served as Goya president, been a member of the St Nicholas Dance Group and Choir as well as having studied violin at the Community Music School in Oberlin.
She plans to pursue a degree in Accounting and will attend LCCC on a Trustees Scholarship for two years with plans to transfer to Miami University of Ohio.

Congratulations!





Congratulations and Thank You:

To the Chair People of our Drive Thru Gyro Bessie Aslanidis and Elena Nicolaou and all those who came out to help and support this project. It was well done, well organized and very successful because of your love and support for our Holy Church.

Congratulations:

To Peter Fournalis who became engaged to Amanda Skiles of Westlake on April 13, 2015

To Luke and Jace Jackson sons of Marc and Barbara (Glavas) Jackson who were Baptized in the Orthodox Faith on April 18, 2015 their Godparents were Andrea Korogianos and Aleksandra and Robertino Kimevski.

To Aris Varouh and Zenia (Cui) Varouh who were joined in Holy Matrimony in the Orthodox Faith on April 25, 2015 their Koumbaros was Ronald Varouh.

Thank You:

The Epitropoulos family wants to thank the Ladies of the Philoptohos and all those who offered their prayers and brought offerings for the Memorial Service for their Mother Paraskevoula Triantafillidou on Sunday May 10, 2015

Congratulations:

To Melina (Matos) Kantouros who graduated in December from Toledo University in Bachelor of Education Middle Childhood Education with honors of Cum Laude.

Recycling Program:

Parishoners Please save all unwanted newspapers, phonebooks and cardboard. We will be participating in a recycling program soon. A container for these items will be delivered shortly - All profits go to us.

Father will be away:

Fr. Michael will be away from the Parish the weeks of June 14-21st. We will have church on those Sundays with a substitute Priest.

In case of an emergency during Fr.'s absence and you need a Priest please contact one of the Board members, or call the office and they will be able to find assistance for you.

TEACHER SOUGHT:

St. Demetrios Balourdas Greek School in Rocky River is now accepting applications for teachers the 2015-16 school year. Interested parties with strong bi-lingual skills, should submit a letter of intent and their resume to the St. Demetrios Church office, 22909 Center Ride Rd., Rocky River, OH 44116, or email tosdgoc@ohiocoxmail.com by June 30, 2015. Previous teaching experience welcome but not mandatory.

PHILOPTOCHOS DINNER

Join us for the Philoptochos Spring Dinner on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 6 pm at Bistro 83. Please call the church office for reservations by June 5th (960-2992) Seating is limited.

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Ο λόγος τής Παναγίας Ιδού η δούλη Κυρίου, γένοιτο μοι κατά τά ρήμα σου, είναι η απαρχή τής καινούργιας δημιουργίας τού Θεού. Καί τούτο διότι ο λόγος αυτός είναι η έκφραση τής πίστεως καί τής υπακοής τής

Παναγίας στό θέλημα τού Θεού. Όπως ακριβώς η παρακοή τής Εύας έγινε αιτία λύπης καί θανάτουγιά ολόκληρο τό ανθρώπινο γένος, έτσι η υπακοή τής Θεοτόκου γίνεται αιτία χαράς καί σωτηρίας για όλους τούς ανθρώπους.

**MINIMUM CONTRIBUTION DUES GUIDELINES FOR
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAMILY • SINGLE FAMILY • SINGLE • Retired • Retired Single 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$350 \$300 \$200 \$175 \$135 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married couple Married couple with children Individuals who are not married and have children Individuals who are not married and do not have children Married couple who are no longer employed* Individuals who are retired and single or widowed*
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* if you are retired, but still working in some capacity or your spouse is employed, you are **NOT** eligible for Retired status.

SS. PETER AND PAUL

June 29

The divinely-blessed Peter was from Bethsaida of Galilee. He was the son of Jonas and the brother of Andrew the First-called. He was a fisherman by trade, unlearned and poor, and was called Simon; later he was renamed Peter by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, Who looked at him and said, "Thou art Simon the son of Jonas; thou shalt be called Cephas (which is by interpretation, Peter)" (John 1:42). On being raised by the Lord to the dignity of an Apostle and becoming inseparable from Him as His zealous disciple, he followed Him from the beginning of His preaching of salvation up until the very Passion, when in the court of Caiaphas the high priest, he denied Him thrice because of his fear of the Jews and of the danger at hand. But again, after many bitter tears, he received complete forgiveness of his transgression. After the resurrection of Christ and the descent of the Holy Spirit, he preached in Judea, Antioch, and certain parts of Asia, and finally came to Rome, where he was crucified upside down by Nero, and thus he ascended to the eternal habitations about the year 66 or 68, leaving two General Epistles to the Church of Christ.

Paul, the chosen vessel of Christ, the glory of the Church, the Apostle of the Nations and teacher of the whole world, was a Jew by race, of the tribe of Benjamin, having Tarsus as his homeland. He was a Roman citizen, fluent in the Greek language, an expert in knowledge of the Law, a Pharisee, born of a Pharisee, and a disciple of Gamaliel, a Pharisee and notable teacher of the Law in Jerusalem.

For this cause, from the beginning, Paul was a most fervent zealot for the traditions of the Jews and a great persecutor of the Church of Christ; at the time, his name was Saul (Acts 22:3-4). In his great passion of rage and fury against the disciples of the Lord, he went to Damascus bearing letters of introduction from the High Priest. His intention was to bring the Disciples of Christ back to Jerusalem in bonds. As he was approaching Damascus, about midday there suddenly shown upon him a light from Heaven. Falling on the earth, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?" And he asked, "Who art Thou, Lord?" And the Lord said, "I am Jesus Whom thou persecutest; it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks." And that heavenly voice and brilliance made him tremble, and he was blinded for a time. He was led by the hand into the city, and on account of a divine revelation to the Apostle Ananias, he was baptized by him, and both his bodily and spiritual eyes were opened to the knowledge of the Sun of Righteousness. And straightway – a wondrous transformation! – beyond all expectation, he spoke with boldness in the synagogues, proclaiming that "Christ is the Son of God" (Acts 9:1-21). As for his zeal in preaching the Gospel after these things had come to pass, as for his unabating labors and afflictions of diverse kinds, the wounds, the prisons, the bonds, the beatings, the stoning, the shipwrecks, the journeys, the perils on land and sea, in cities, in wilderness, the continual vigils, the daily fasting, the hunger, the

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thirst, the nakedness, and all those other things that he endured for the Name of Christ, and which he underwent before nations and kings and the Israelites, and above all, his care for all the churches, his fiery longing for the salvation of all, whereby he became all things to all men, that he might save them all if possible, and because of which, with his heart aflame, he continuously traveled throughout all parts, visiting them all, and like a bird of heaven flying from Asia and Europe, the West and East, neither staying or abiding in any one place – all these things are related incident by incident in the Book of Acts, and as he himself tells them in his Epistles, His epistles, being fourteen in number, are explained in 250 homilies by the divine Chrysostom and make manifest the loftiness of his thoughts, the abundance of the revelations made to him, the wisdom given to him from God, wherewith he brings together in a wondrous manner the Old and the New Testaments, and ex-

pounds the mysteries thereof which had been concealed under types; he confirms the doctrines of the Faith, expounds the ethical teaching of the Gospel, and demonstrates with exactness the duties incumbent upon every rank, age, and order of man. In all these things his teaching proved to be a spiritual trumpet, and his speech was seen to be more radiant than the sun, and by these means he clearly sounded forth the word of truth

and illumined the ends of the world. Having completed the work of his ministry, he likewise ended his life in martyrdom when he was beheaded in Rome during the reign of Nero, at the same time, some say, when Peter was crucified.

Apolytikion of Apostles Peter and Paul:

First in prominence among the apostles, and teachers in the Universe, intercede to the Master of all for peace in the world and for the souls of great mercy.

